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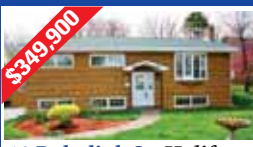
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Petty no Heartbreaker for diehard Halifax fans

Waiting was the hardest part. Legend and his band rock near-capacity crowd at the Metro Centre



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From the first chord of Listen to Her Heart, Halifax's Metro Centre belonged to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

The rock legends made their first ever stop in Nova Scotia on Thursday, bringing three decades worth of tunes to the Maritimes.

"How are you doing tonight?" asked Petty.

One assumes the question was rhetorical, since the crowd had hardly stopped cheering since he took the stage.

"We finally made it to Halifax."

After opening with 1978's Listen to Her Heart, Petty jumped forward a couple of decades with You Wreck Me, from 1994's Wildflowers.

But the veteran rocker promised to "dig deep into the albums," moving back to selections from 1979's Damn the Torpedoes with Here Comes My Girl.

The crowd was noticeably more comfortable



Tom Petty performs at the Metro Centre on Thursday night. Petty and the Heartbreakers are now off to Newfoundland for a show on Sunday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

with the singles, singing along to whatever part of the song they happened to know. Young and old alike crowded the aisles near the stage to dance, clap and sing along.

The crowd really erupted, however, when Petty launched into Handle Me With Care — a song he per-

formed with George Harrison, Bob Dylan, Roy Orbison and Jeff Lynne as the Traveling Wilburys.

Petty seemed to notice the enthusiasm.

"Excited bunch tonight," he said with a smile.

Everyone was on their feet for Petty's encore, which he opened with Mary

Jane's Last Dance, released in 1993 while Petty was working on Wildflowers.

Halifax was the first stop after a 26-day touring hiatus for Petty. From here, he heads to St. John's, N.L., for two nights before touring Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Great Britain, Amsterdam and France.

Quotable

"You have not lived till you stood where I stand and feel the wind from that bass drum."

Tom Petty

Court. Retrial for man charged with having sex with 13-year-old

A Fall River man facing sex charges relating to a 13-year-old girl has won an appeal and will be granted a retrial.

Bradley Roderick Ross admitted claims that he believed the girl was 14 or 15.

Ross and friend Michael Roger Hindler, both of whom

were 18 at the time of the incident in June 2009, were charged with sexual interference and sexual assault, which carries jail time and designation as a sex offender.

A decision by Nova Scotia Court of Appeal Justice Judge Peter Bryson found defence

lawyer Gary Jewett did not properly defend Ross in court during his trial in 2011. It resulted in a "miscarriage of justice," according to a decision released by the court Thursday.

According to the court documents, Jewett failed to ad-

vised Ross to submit testimony on his own behalf, did not question any witnesses and did not produce text messages which could have supported Ross' claims. In his decision, Bryson said these factors "deprived Mr. Ross of any reasonable prospect of successfully

defending himself."

Jewett also based part of his defense on the assumption that the charge of sexual assault requires the use of force, which it does not.

A new trial has been ordered.

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Mayoral candidates give their vision for Spring Garden Road

'Prize' street. Much talk, little policy in all-candidates discussion on central downtown street

The four men vying for the Halifax Regional Municipality's mayoralty offered their visions for a central downtown street at Spring Garden Place Thursday.

All four agreed Spring Garden Road was good — but brought forward different ideas to make it better.

"When I was growing up ... (Spring Garden Road) was the only place in the city where I identified, as a very young person, that felt like a city and had that urban vibe," said North End businessman Fred Connors.

"As we more and more started to lose the heart of the downtown ... the challenges that were on Spring Garden Road seemed to amplify."

Connors said that Spring Garden Road remains an exciting place to be — if you're from Cape Breton.

He suggested more money needs to be invested in Halifax's "prize" street.

Quoted

"Maximizing the pedestrian traffic would help make (Spring Garden Road) that much more of an experience to walk and meet and shop and eat."

Mayoral candidate Matthew Worona

Retired cop Tom Martin spoke of the need to improve partnerships between the business improvement districts and city hall in order to strengthen Halifax's communities.

"In my opinion, the greatest accomplishment of the business association in this area is the fact that it has survived the big-box-store surge," Martin told the crowd of about 20.

"Despite unfair taxation in the downtown, despite the larger retail outlets outside of the downtown, the businesses in this area ... have continued to survive."

Perceived frontrunner Mike Savage's speech focused on the common themes in his campaign, including being more "nimble" and "entrepreneurial"



Mayoral candidates Tom Martin, Mike Savage, Matt Worona and Fred Connors pose for photos prior to a meet and greet with the Spring Garden Area Business Association on Thursday afternoon. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

as a municipality.

Savage, like Martin, suggested better partnerships between city hall and HRM's citizens are required.

"I ask myself the question 'Is

HRM a good partner to our citizens, to our business community?' ... by being a good partner, we can all achieve success," Savage said.

Dalhousie student Mat-

thew Worona said we should consider widening Spring Garden Road and reworking the city's tax structure to increase economic activity.

ALEX BOULILIER/METRO

Electoral boundaries report coming Friday

Justice Minister Ross Landry will wait to receive a report from the legislature's electoral boundaries commission before commenting on whether or not that committee's terms of reference will be upheld.

The committee, which will decide the number of ridings in advance of the coming provincial election, has been asked to ensure that the population in every riding is within 25 per cent of the average. But Landry would not say on Thursday whether the commission will be permitted to disregard that request in favour of preserving four protected minority ridings — three Acadian, one African Nova Scotian — which fall significantly below that standard.

"It's premature to say whether they have or haven't (followed the 25 per cent rule)," said Landry after a cabinet meeting on Thursday.

"We have to respect the fact that the terms of reference are there ... We have to look at what the report says, evaluate what they have to say and then look at what's in the best interest of the province as a whole."

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New MetroX buses connect Fall River, airport to Halifax

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Luggage now allowed if buses aren't full

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Fall River commuters can leave their cars at home — they're now on the grid.

"It's fantastic," said Kim Hilchie at the Fall River park-and-ride a few minutes before 8 a.m., on her way to Barrington Street.

"It's now just a five-minute drive for me to the stop, and I used to have to go to Dartmouth. I'm thinking in winter it's going to be awesome to not have to do that," she said.

NSCC business student Sarang Zoo was happy to save the money an Airporter shuttle or taxi would have cost to catch her flight home to Korea.

"I really like it," Zoo said about the 320 route. "And this is every half-hour (in peak hours) so I am really comfortable for time."

The very first buses of the day had around 10 people according to Metro Transit, but as the morning went on only two or three people rode the route.

City councillor for Fall River,



Metro Transit director Eddie Robar.
RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

er, Barry Dalrymple, said he wasn't expecting a rush today anyway.

"A lot of people are waiting to see if the buses are on time and if the route actually takes 40 minutes," said Dalrymple.

Metro Transit also relaxed their luggage policy yesterday, which previously stated only small carry-on bags would be allowed on buses. But now, it's up to the drivers.

"We'll allow luggage as long as it can be safely stowed," said Metro Transit director Eddie Robar.

He said if you can keep bags on seats and out of the aisle, you'll be fine, but to make sure you catch the bus you should pack light.



A commuter boards one of the first airport-Fall River MetroX buses on Thursday. HALEY RYAN/METRO

It's good to have options

Ways to get to Halifax International Airport:

- Taking a taxi from the airport to anywhere in Halifax costs \$53. The new MetroX route is "not going to hurt us," said airport cab driver Bob Richards.

- The Airporter shuttle takes passengers to and from most hotels in HRM. One-

way is \$19.95, round trip \$36, and it runs every hour.

- The 320 MetroX bus stops at Albemarle Street above Scotia Square, the Dartmouth bridge terminal, Fall River's park-and-ride, and the Halifax International Airport. Trips take about 40 minutes, costs \$3.25 per ride and \$100 for monthly pass.

Airport funds helped end long wait for transit service: Coun. Dalrymple

It's been more than three years since Metro Transit announced they were adding a route to Fall River and the airport. On Thursday the nine brand-new buses purchased for the route finally rolled out.

There were projected start times for the airport route in 2010, spring of 2011, and

finally, this May. Fall River Coun. Barry Dalrymple said it was the airport itself that got things moving.

Overall, the airport gave \$550,000 to fund the special highway buses, which feature two overhead racks, a wheelchair ramp, and won't wear out as easily as regular models.

"That tipped the balance," Dalrymple said.

Metro Transit director Eddie Robar said there was also \$2.7 million of federal funding used, with the city and Metro Transit covering the rest for a \$4.5-million total.

Besides those in Fall River, most of the passengers ex-

pected on the route are those working in the AeroTech business park or at the airport, but Robar said regular fliers could benefit too.

"It's expensive to park at the airport for a long time, and this way you might save a drive and burning fuel back and forth," Robar said. HALEY RYAN/FOR METRO

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Questionable campaign

HHBads sexist:
Assault centre

An online petition recently started up to bring down the Halifax Harbour Bridges' ad campaign to get drivers to slow down. On Thursday, the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre sent a letter to the general manager

of Halifax Harbour Bridges, protesting the use of sex to sell safe driving.

"Using sexualized images of women does not promote safety to the thousands of women in the HRM who have experienced harassment and sexualized violence," said Irene Smith, executive director of the Avalon Centre.

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO

Safer Communities Act

Eviction ordered
for drug den

A Nova Scotia judge has ordered the eviction of residents from a house in North Sydney that had become a haven for drug traffickers.

Cape Breton Regional Police say 17 Lorne St. was shut down under the province's Safer Communities

and Neighbourhoods Act. The property will remain closed for 90 days.

Since the act came into effect in 2007, there have been eight formal evictions using community safety orders. On Wednesday, another judge evicted residents from a row of three Dartmouth properties that were also being used to distribute illicit drugs.

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Dartmouth

Police investigate
two robberies

Police are investigating two Wednesday robberies in Dartmouth. A 43-year-old man was approached early Wednesday morning in the Jackson Road and Leaman Drive area by another man demanding money. The suspect used a replica or toy

gun, which the victim didn't believe was real. He refused to hand over anything, so the man in his 20s ran away. He had a mole on his right cheek and wore a dark jacket. The second robbery was at 3:45 p.m. near Main Street and Prince Albert Road. A 14-year-old boy was approached by two other young boys, aged about 15 and 11, who tried to take his iPod. HAYLEY RYAN/METRO

Ship out: Scrapping to start Monday

Cape Ann III. Saga of sunken trawler will conclude at last — on the recycling heap

Quoted

"We've told each other it wouldn't happen from time to time, but never on the same day."

Ken Jardine, on the removal of the Cape Ann III from Sydney Harbour

The scrapping of the Cape Ann III will begin Monday, bringing an end to the infamous history of the vessel.

The 175-foot trawler had been partially submerged and rusting in Sydney harbour for more than five years until a Canadian-American military operation raised it as part of a training exercise.

"We originally wanted to use it as a dive reef but for environmental and some community reasons, we chose not to go that route," said John Aylward of the Cape Ann III Artificial Reef Society, which acquired the vessel from its previous owner.

"It is going to be recycled, which is what we wanted. We wanted to see a problem become something positive."

Terra Mac Construction will

handle most of the demolition after some site preparation is completed this weekend. Permits give the company until the end of June send the ship to the scrap heap — something many thought they would never see.

"We've told each other it wouldn't happen from time to time but never on the same day," said Ken Jardine, who worked closely with Aylward on the project. "John and I have had it since Day 1 that this had to be good for the economy, the environment and the community. If we could hit all three of those, which we are, this was a good thing to do."

Jardine's childhood friend, Bob Edwards of Sydney Mines, thought the ship would make an interesting aspect of the recent Frontier Sentinel 12 mil-

itary training exercise.

"Bob was home on leave last summer visiting his mother and called me up," said Jardine. "Even then we weren't sure, because we had been down so many different rabbit holes that just ended."

Although most in the community will be happy when the ship is a distant memory, members of the reef society are working on several projects to ensure it is not forgotten.

Through the Raising Cape Ann III Facebook page, they are encouraging people to send their photos of the ship to be included in a pictorial record.

And they will give \$100 to the best song written about the story of the ship.

The Cape Ann III Artificial Reef Society will also keep a



Ken Jardine and John Aylward of the Cape Ann III Artificial Reef Society gather around the beached hull of the Cape Ann III on Thursday. The two are anticipating the final stage of the project to remove the sunken vessel from Sydney harbour, which will begin with its scrapping on Monday. GREG MCNEIL/CAPE BRETON POST

couple of small pieces of the ship to use as part of a heritage site. The cost of raising and

beaching the vessel was covered by the military, while the recycled metal obtained during

scrapping is expected to cover most of that expense.

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NewPage paper mill

Judge extends
creditor protection

Creditor protection has been extended again for an idled Cape Breton paper mill as it tries to finalize a proposed sale to a British Columbia firm. Judge John Murphy of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court approved

the latest extension today for the NewPage Port Hawkesbury mill in Point Tupper until Aug. 2.

A spokesman for Ernst & Young, the court-appointed monitor overseeing the sale to Pacific West Commercial Corp., says he remains confident that the transaction will be completed.

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Cabinet shuffle. New Nova Scotia finance minister says she will follow predecessor's fiscal path

Nova Scotia's new finance minister says she will continue on the same fiscal path as her predecessor. Maureen MacDonald says she is just starting the transition from her former job as health minister to finance follow-

ing a surprise cabinet shuffle Wednesday.

The change came after Graham Steele announced earlier that day that he would not run again, prompting Premier Darrell Dexter to undertake a min-

isterial shakeup. MacDonald says Dexter made it clear that economic policy is set by the government, not by an individual minister.

MacDonald, the province's first female minister of finance, says her work as

health minister for the last three years often had her working closely with Steele's department. She says she will reach out to the business community as part of her briefing in the new portfolio.

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Taste of Nova Scotia. Top chefs to promote N.S. on Canada Day in England

Two of Nova Scotia's most celebrated chefs will be heading overseas this summer to showcase the province's culinary offerings in London, England.

The two will be celebrating Canada Day in Trafalgar Square, the largest celebration of its kind outside Canada. Michael Howell, owner of the Tempest Restaurant in Wolfville and President of the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia will be joined by Alain Bossé, food editor for Saltscapes magazine and president of Taste of Nova Scotia, will give demonstrations on making lobster sandwiches, haddock chowder and bacon-wrapped scallops.

"I truly believe that we have a world class culinary destination right here in Nova Scotia, and this is one opportunity to be on a bigger stage," said Bossé, best known as the "kilted chef."

Then, on July 2, the pair will host a cooking lesson at Fifteen London, a restaurant owned by world-renowned chef and TV personality Jamie Oliver.

The event, dubbed "Nova Scotia at Fifteen," is a chance to build up buzz for the province as a tourist location. It will also associate our local seafood and

Culinary destination

"We in Nova Scotia are spoiled and we just don't know it. We have a bountiful amount of very fresh seafood and local producers."

Alain Bossé, food editor for Saltscapes magazine and president of Taste of Nova Scotia

products with Oliver's fresh food and food provenance missions, said Janice Ruddock, executive director of Taste of Nova Scotia. "It's very, very exciting," said Ruddock. "Nova Scotia is extremely deserving of the opportunity."

It was announced Thursday on Oliver's blog two of the culinary students in his famous Fifteen program will be coming back to Nova Scotia to sample food options around the province. And in a press release Thursday, Taste of Nova Scotia said writers from the celebrity chef's magazine will be traveling here "to explore our province and discover its allure as a culinary destination."

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Just puffin around the museum

Preschoolers check out the puffin display at the Museum of Natural History on Thursday morning. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

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Water rates at the airport and Aerotech Business Park may rise dramatically over the next two years, depending on the results of next Wednesday's Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board hearing.

The Halifax Regional Water Commission submitted an application to the utility board in March, stating the need to raise the water rates for Halifax International Airport and the Aerotech businesses, which include IMP, multiple hotels and manufacturers.

"The Aerotech system is not paying for itself," said James Campbell, spokesman for the water commission. "The funding needs to come from the customers there."

The Halifax Water Commission is asking the board to approve an increase of 40-48 per cent this year, with some businesses seeing a jump of up to 75 per cent the following year.

These hikes are needed, according to the commission, to cover a cumulative loss of almost \$830,000. In its application to the board, it states the current water rates are "insufficient to maintain existing operations."

However, the Halifax International Airport Authority may need to charge its own

Suggested rate increase

- **2012/2013 (per month).** Smallest meters from about \$52 to \$77.86 = 48.8 per cent increase. Largest meters from \$4,559.31 to \$6,421.53 = 40.8 per cent increase
- **2013/2014 (per month).** Smallest meters from about \$77 to \$134 = 74.9 per cent increase. Largest meters from about \$6,420 to \$7,957 = 23.9 per cent increase

customers extra if water rates go up. The HIAA told the utility board that the new rates could "cause a corresponding increase" in the airport's ticket prices.

"The higher rates result in higher operating expenses, which create pressure on aeronautical fees," the authority said in its file.

However, according to the airport's communications coordinator, Jennifer Delorey Lyon, the HIAA doesn't know what it will do to offset the water bill increase until the board meets on June 6.

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Halifax residents satisfied with economy, leaders: Poll

Response. Though consumers are ready to spend more, they're concerned about public institutions



BY THE NUMBERS
Rick Emberley
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The residents of the Halifax Metro area are feeling much more confident about the state of the economy than they did a year ago.

Only 14 per cent of those responding to a recent poll feel that the economy will worsen over the next 12 months.

More, 32 per cent, are reporting that their personal spending will increase in the coming year. These numbers reflect improving attitudes of consumers and reflect the kind of confidence that we have found in surveys conducted in the early 2000s.

And it is no coincidence that at the same time, residents of HRM are also expressing im-



Nova Scotia auditor general Jacques Lapointe speaks to reporters in this file photo from last year. Rick Emberley says it's possible that consumer confidence is being eroded by the stream of auditor general type reports from all three levels of government. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

proved levels of satisfaction with their political leaders — with the exception at the federal level. There is almost always a correlation between confidence in the economy and satisfaction with government and political leadership.

But residents continue to express concern and loss of confidence in an array of public institutions: the health-care sys-

tem, banks, charities and even the media. Some of our recent research is indicating online sources of news hold as much credibility as traditional sources like television and radio.

Just over 20 per cent of our respondents are now using online news sources as the main way in which they remain up to date. Our recent research also shows that confidence in

the health-care system is down from two years ago by about 12 per cent.

While confidence in the economy is up, a variety of organizations will have to work hard to regain the trust of the public. This trust may be eroded due to the stream of auditor general reports calling into question the competence and integrity of public institutions.



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Suspect in body-parts case has fled Canada, police say

Details emerge.

Victim believed to be missing person police had been searching for



JOE LOFARO
Metro in Ottawa

Montreal police say crime scene evidence suggests a man suspected of dismembering a human body and mailing parts of it from Montreal to Ottawa has fled Canada.

The nationwide arrest warrant for Luka Rocco Magnotta, 29, was expanded Thursday after his photo and description appeared on Interpol's most-wanted list.

Montreal police Cmdr. Ian Lafrenière would not confirm or deny reports that Magnotta

may have headed to Europe.

"We do have some evidence that we found on the scene and also that person left a note on a website (describing) how to leave without getting caught," said Lafrenière.

Meanwhile, police are trying to yank videos off of the Internet, which they believe show the suspect committing the murder and other perverse acts on the body.

Police are still investigating the video, but Lafrenière said they "have no reason to doubt its authenticity."

Police believe the victim is a man in his 30s reported missing several days ago, whose family lives overseas.

Lafrenière said police were still working out the forensic details and were also having trouble contacting the victim's family.

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Murder suspect Luka Rocco Magnotta is shown in a photo from his website.

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Chasing notoriety

Profilers believe suspect seeks attention

Experts in criminal behaviour say the suspect in the notorious body-parts case has a clear, desperate need: for you to pay attention to him.

One retired criminal profiler says Luka Rocco Magnotta appears to reveal that need on the Internet.

Jim Van Allen, a long-time Ontario Provincial Police criminal profiler, said Thursday that the elaborate cybertrail he left behind shows a need for notoriety.

"I think you're dealing with a person who has

a pathological need for attention," said Van Allen, a former police officer.

Van Allen said that while many details remain unknown, Magnotta's extensive online postings, including a suspected video of the alleged murder, all indicate that desire.

"I think that he has tried to shock the public to gain notoriety for himself," Van Allen said.

"And he's certainly done that."

Montreal criminal psychiatrist Benoit Dassyva says it's possible Magnotta is somewhere monitoring all the attention thrust upon him, and soaking it up.

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Quebec tuition talks with students suspended

An attempt to find a solution to the Quebec student crisis has fallen apart, opening up a vast range of potential implications that could be felt from the street to the ballot box.

After four days of negotiation, the provincial government and student groups announced Thursday that their talks had gone nowhere.

There had been specula-

tion that if this latest attempt at negotiation failed, the provincial government might call a snap election and ask Quebec voters to help settle a dispute that has made international news.

Premier Jean Charest said that day will indeed come — but he downplayed its imminence. The government is into the fourth year of its mandate

and must head to the polls by late 2013.

"Ultimately there will be an election within 18 months," Charest told reporters. "It will happen in a democratic context that will allow us to state our case on these issues."

In the meantime, both the government and student groups said they were willing

to speak again if the other side was ready to make an offer.

The students had issued a mild threat to walk away from the negotiating table early in the day Thursday. But surprisingly, it was Education Minister Michelle Courchesne who announced talks had been suspended because of what she described as an "impasse."

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Students vs. province

- The students said the government had offered nothing except for a \$35 discount on tuition hikes, and was unwilling to rescind a controversial law that sets limits on protests.
- But Courchesne said a subsequent government offer would have to cut the tuition increase by \$100 in the first year before returning to \$254 in the following six years, for a total increase of \$1,621.

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Baghdad. Series of bombings mark deadliest day in over a month

A series of bombings in the Iraqi capital struck a crowded restaurant, a police patrol and several other targets on Thursday, killing 12 people and wounding 29 in the bloodiest day in Baghdad in more than a month, police and hospital officials said.

Violence has fallen in Iraq since a wave of sectarian bloodshed in 2006 and 2007, but insurgents carry out frequent attacks on security forces and civilians in an attempt to undermine the Shiite-led government.

In northwest Baghdad, a parked car exploded outside a crowded restaurant in the Shiite neighbourhood of Shula, killing eight people and wounding 13, police officials said.

Naseer Ali, owner of a grocery shop in Shula, said he was about 150 metres from the restaurant when the blast went off. Ali said he and other witnesses rushed to help the victims until the ambulances arrived.

"I was in my shop when I heard a powerful explosion

and everybody rushed to the explosion site," he said. "Part of the restaurant was damaged and the windows of the nearby shops were shattered. We saw several wounded people screaming for help."

Ali said he is worried the level of violence in Baghdad will return to what it was several years ago, in part because of the growing sectarian divide underlying a months-long paralysis of Iraq's national unity government.

Elsewhere in Baghdad, a parked car blew up near the home of Jamal-Din Mohammed, an adviser to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, killing a civilian and wounding four people, including two guards protecting Mohammed's house.

Earlier Thursday, explosions hit two adjacent homes of Baghdad policemen in the predominantly Sunni neighbourhood of Amariyah, killing two and wounding nine people, among them three children. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Syria blames rebels for Houla massacre

Differing accounts.
Witnesses, UN blame pro-Assad gunmen

Syria on Thursday blamed up to 800 rebel fighters for the massacre in central Syria last week that killed more than 100 people, nearly half of them children, in its most comprehensive explanation to date of the bloodshed.

The narrative starkly contradicted accounts of witnesses who blamed "shabiha" or the shadowy gunmen who operate on behalf of President Bashar Assad's regime. The UN also said it had strong suspicions those pro-regime gunmen were responsible for much of the carnage on Friday in a cluster of villages known as Houla.

Facing international outrage over the killings, Damascus launched its own investigation into the deaths and announced that special prayers for the victims would be held at mosques across the country on Friday. The UN chief warned of civil war and



In this citizen-journalism image taken on Tuesday, Syrian girls flash victory signs during a demonstration in Kfarnebel, Syria. **EDLIB NEWS NETWORK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

pledged with the regime to stop its attacks. At a news conference Thursday, Qassem Jamal Suleiman, who headed the government's investigation into the massacre,

pleaded with the regime to stop its attacks.

At a news conference Thursday, Qassem Jamal Suleiman, who headed the government's investigation into the massacre,

categorically denied any regime role. He said hundreds of rebel gunmen carried out the slaughter to frame the government and to ignite sectarian strife in Syria. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Verdict in Mubarak trial could lead to unrest



An Egyptian flower vendor stands in front of graffiti of ousted president Hosni Mubarak. **AMR NABIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Guilty or not, Saturday's verdict in Hosni Mubarak's trial will likely deepen Egypt's polarization. Political tensions are already simmering in a heated runoff for president pitting the ousted leader's last prime minister against an Islamist from a group that the old regime repeatedly cracked down.

The 84-year-old Mubarak, the first Arab leader to be tried by his own people, faces charges of complicity in the killing of some 900 protesters during

last year's uprising that forced him from power.

If convicted, he could face the death penalty. He also faced separate corruption charges along with his two sons — one-time heir apparent Gamal and wealthy businessman Alaa — and a family friend who is on the run.

"We are so eagerly awaiting the verdict," said George Ishaq, who gained nationwide fame as a vocal critic of Mubarak's rule. "An innocent verdict will trig-

ger a horrific reaction."

His trial mesmerized the nation, with images of him lying on a hospital gurney inside a defendants' cage of iron bars and barbed wire taken by most Egyptians to symbolize both their triumph over tyranny and the humiliation of a dictator who ruled for close to 30 years.

The trial dominated the national conversation and fed tension in an already turbulent transitional period, with many convinced the process was just

for show to appease protesters who demanded that Mubarak answers for his actions.

The verdict comes days after officials announced that Mubarak's last prime minister Ahmed Shafiq made it into a presidential runoff slated for June 16-17.

A guilty verdict, some believe, could endear Shafiq to more voters, while an innocent verdict for Mubarak would send protesters out on the streets to demand revolutionary justice. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Suu Kyi. Speaks out for Myanmar's economic migrants while abroad

Long a fighter against oppression inside Myanmar, Aung San Suu Kyi has used her first foreign trip in 24 years to fight for her countrymen suffering abroad — millions of economic migrants unable to work at home but vulnerable to exploitation elsewhere.

On Thursday, she pressed her concerns about the millions of Myanmar migrants living in Thailand in a meeting with the country's deputy prime minister.

And for a second straight day, she addressed throngs of migrants in Mahachai, a town southwest of Bangkok that hosts more migrants from



Aung San Suu Kyi in Thailand on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Myanmar than any other place in Thailand. "She can't force the Thai government to do anything, but she can speak (out)," said a man who lost his hand in a shoe factory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Five-year term

New president for Serbia

Former nationalist opposition leader Tomislav Nikolic was inaugurated as Serbia's new president Thursday.

He blasted his pro-European Union predecessor for

the country's deep economic and social problems further fuelling political turmoil after his surprise election.

Nikolic, who claims to have shifted from being staunchly anti-Western to pro-EU, was sworn in for a five-year term at an inaugural session of parliament. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police credit man with saving 3 lives in shootings

Seattle massacre.
Man threw stools at crazed shooter, enabling cafe patrons to make their escape

Someone inside an artsy cafe where a gunman opened fire threw stools at the assailant during a shooting rampage police described as "callous, horrific and cold."

Throwing the stools allowed others to run to safety.

Ian Lee Stawicki was armed with two .45-calibre handguns and began shooting Wednesday morning at Cafe Racer, killing four people. Police said he fled and later killed a female motorist, taking her SUV.

Stawicki later killed himself as police closed in.

Police said more could have been injured or even killed at the cafe were it not for the actions of the man, whom they did not identify.

They did not say whether he was a patron or an employee.



Stacy Davis cries on Thursday as she sits near a memorial to those killed in Seattle. ELAINE THOMPSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"The hero picked up a stool and threw it at the suspect. Hit him. Picked up another stool, as the suspect is shooting and now pointing (a gun) at him and hits him with another stool," Assistant Chief Jim Pugel said.

"During that time, two or possibly three people made their escape," he said, adding, "He saved three lives."

The slayings further frayed

nerves in an already jittery city that has seen 21 homicides so far this year, as many as Seattle had in all of 2011.

"In my almost 30 years in this department, I've never seen anything more callous, horrific and cold," Deputy Chief Nick Metz said at a Thursday news conference.

Stawicki had bounced around serving as a roadie for bands and helping his

A father's apology

"I'm so sorry. It sounds so trite, that I feel their grief.... I just hope they understand he wasn't a monster out to kill."

Walter Stawicki gunman's father

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Wayne Newton gets restraining order on landlord

A judge granted Wayne Newton a restraining order against his landlord Thursday amid stalled plans to turn his lavish Las Vegas estate into a celebrity museum.

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Court Judge Elizabeth Gonzalez ruled that developer Steve Kennedy must stay 50 feet away from the Newton family and their home, effectively putting the brakes on construction to turn Newton's Casa de Shenandoah estate into a tourist attraction. Newton told reporters after Thursday's hearing that he regretted entering into the deal with Kennedy.

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Shuttle replacement

SpaceX completes mission for NASA

The SpaceX Dragon capsule parachuted into the Pacific on Thursday to conclude the first private delivery to the International Space Station and inaugurate NASA's new approach to exploration.

The unmanned supply

ship scored a bull's-eye with its arrival, splashing down into the ocean about 800 kilometres off Mexico's Baja Peninsula. A fleet of recovery ships quickly moved in to pull the capsule aboard a barge for towing.

It was the first time since the shuttles stopped flying last summer that NASA got back a big load from the space station.

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Evacuation plan

Oregon rolls out tsunami drill

Several thousand Oregon Coast residents on alert after last year's devastating earthquake in Japan took part in their first tsunami evacuation drill Thursday.

Unlike a real tsunami, there were no sirens and no tremors from a massive

offshore earthquake.

When the tsunami reached the U.S. last year, coastal residents had hours to prepare, and severe damage was limited to harbours.

The much bigger threat here would be a megaquake from the Cascadia Subduction Zone, where two plates of the Earth's crust butt together miles off the coast.

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Canadians fall short at spelling bee

Tense competition.

Mignon Tsai of Abbotsford, B.C., and Jennifer Mong of St. John's made it to the semifinals

Two Canadians were eliminated on Thursday from the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Twelve-year-old Mignon Tsai of Abbotsford, B.C., was tripped up by the word "macropodid" during the nail-biter of a semifinal.

In the next round, Jennifer Mong of St. John's — after nailing the word "lymphopoiesis" earlier in the day — flubbed the spelling of "velon" by adding an "e" on the end, concluding her run at the famous spelling bee.

The girls were among 50 competitors to make it to the semifinals following two days of often tense competition that saw spelling-bee officials challenge them with progressively more difficult words as the contest proceeded.

Many of those words, with origins in foreign languages, would confound adult Mensa members, and yet most of the schoolchildren, including



Canada's Jennifer Mong, 12, smiles after spelling her word "berserker" correctly during the National Spelling Bee on Thursday.

EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tsai and Mong, approached the microphone with poise, confidence — and no small amount of courage amid the glare of television cameras and a time limit to spell their words.

The winner of this year's spelling bee, 14-year-old Snigdha Nandipati of San Diego, Calif., will take home more than \$40,000 US in cash and scholarship money.

This year's competition included schoolkids not just from the U.S. and Canada, but from the Bahamas, China, Ghana, Jamaica, Japan, New Zealand and South Korea.

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Greek sea of origami water lilies

Two girls sit among an origami assemblage of water lilies in the central Aristotelous Square in the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki on Thursday. A total of 40,000 paper lilies will be placed, each made by a different person, in an event designed to foster recycling. The assemblage will make its way to the Guinness Book of Records.

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Car accident. U.S. border patrol rescues boy on Mexican side of fence

A four-year-old boy injured in a car crash in Mexico was lifted over a fence to Border Patrol agents who performed life-saving measures, authorities said.

The American boy was visiting relatives in Jacume, Mexico, a remote mountain village about 120 kilometres east of San Diego, when he was struck by a car Monday night,

said Border Patrol spokesman Jerry Conlin. The boy was having trouble breathing and had blood and mucus in his mouth.

Border Patrol agents put a tube in the boy's nose to allow him to breathe, Conlin said Thursday. The boy, whose name was not released, was flown to a hospital and was in stable condition.

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Gay marriage. Obama faces Minnesota litmus test on same-sex ban

The political impact of U.S. President Barack Obama's support for gay marriage will be tested this fall in Minnesota, where opponents of a proposed gay marriage ban are hoping the president's enduring popularity here will help persuade skeptical Democrats to vote it down.

Obama's trip to Minneapolis on Friday comes three

weeks after he announced his full support for the right of same-sex couples to wed, and it's his first trip since then to a state that will definitely have a gay-marriage ban on the November ballot. Voters in Washington, Maine and Maryland — three other states Obama won in 2008 — are expected to consider similar measures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Pakistan. Militant group denies links to doctor who helped U.S. hunt bin Laden

A Pakistani militant group has denied any links with the doctor who helped the U.S. track down Osama bin Laden, threatening Thursday to kill him for working with the Americans.

The statement by Lashkar-e-Islam was the latest twist in the case of Shakil Afridi, whose plight has angered Washington and opened up another crack in relations with Islamabad.

Afridi ran a vaccination campaign on behalf of the CIA as a way of collecting blood

samples from bin Laden's family in their house in north-west Pakistan. Afridi was arrested soon after the May 2, 2011 American raid that killed the al-Qaida leader. Last week he was sentenced to 33 years in prison.

On Wednesday, the court released its written verdict, which found Afridi guilty of assisting Lashkar-e-Islam, a brutal militant and criminal gang.

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Jamil Afridi, the brother of a doctor sentenced to 33 years for helping the United States track down Osama bin Laden, speaks at a news conference in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Monday. Afridi says that his brother is innocent and the Pakistani trial that convicted him was a sham.

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Drug smugglers not cleared for takeoff

A soldier runs past a helicopter during an operation to destroy a clandestine airstrip used by drug traffickers near the border with Colombia in Riecito, Venezuela, on Thursday. Venezuela's military has bombed clandestine airstrips in southern plains region as part of a broader government effort to deny air routes used by drug smugglers.

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Criminal court

Judges reject warrant request for militia leader

International Criminal Court judges rejected Thursday a prosecution request to issue an arrest warrant for Sylvestre Mudacumura, who has terrorized eastern Congo for years.

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Terrorism

Militants again threaten Kenya

A private intelligence firm says the Somali militant group al-Shabab has threatened to bring down Kenya's skyscrapers within two weeks.

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Faith

No pay for priests on voluntary leave

A top official with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee says it has ended the practice of paying priests who voluntarily leave the priesthood. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. House fails to approve new abortion ban

Sex selection. The bill, if passed, would have made it a federal crime to abort a fetus based on gender

The U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday fell short in an effort to ban abortions based on the sex of the fetus as Republicans and Democrats made an election-year appeal for women's votes.

The legislation would have made it a federal crime to perform or force a woman to undergo a sex-based abortion, a practice most common in some Asian countries where families abort female fetuses.

It was a rare social issue to reach the House floor in a year when the economy has dominated the political conversation, and Republicans, besieged by Democratic claims that they are waging war on women, struck back, depicting the vote as a women's-rights issue.

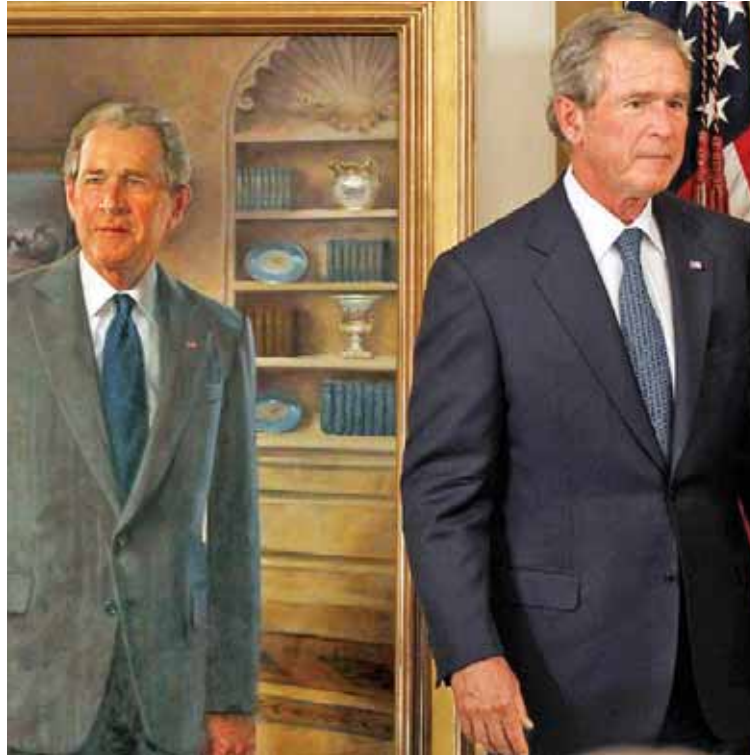
The vote

- The bill had little chance of becoming law. The Democratic-controlled Senate would likely have ignored it, and the U.S. House brought it up under a procedure requiring a two-thirds majority for passage. The vote was 246-168 — 30 votes short of that majority. Twenty Democrats voted for it, while seven Republicans opposed it.

"It is violence against women," said Rep. Chris Smith, a Republican, of abortions of female fetuses. "This is the real war on women."

The White House, most Democrats, abortion-rights groups and some Asian-American organizations opposed the bill, saying it could lead to racial profiling of Asian-American women and subject doctors who do not report suspected sex-selection abortions to criminal charges.

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Bush's portrait unveiled at White House

Former U.S. president George W. Bush stands next to his official portrait during the unveiling ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington on Thursday. The ceremony was attended by President Barack Obama. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Human rights

Marriage act discriminates against gay couples: Court

A U.S. appeals court Thursday declared that the federal Defence of Marriage Act unconstitutionally denies federal benefits to married gay couples. This is a ground-breaking ruling that will surely wind up before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The unanimous ruling said the 1996 law that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman discriminates against gay couples because it doesn't give them the same rights and privileges as heterosexual couples.

The three-judge panel of the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said its ruling wouldn't be enforced until the U.S. Supreme Court decides the case, meaning that same-sex married couples will not be eligible to receive the economic benefits denied by the law until the high court rules.

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MyFord Mobile app to keep owners connected to their vehicles

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For electric-vehicle (EV) owners who can't get enough of their cars, the MyFord Mobile app will now let users remotely control their car settings and stay connected halfway across the world.

Car owners can control car temperature, seat warmers, radio stations and even start charging their electric vehicle's battery with their smartphones.

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For those concerned about conserving their battery life, MyFord Mobile's option of allowing users to preheat and cool their cars means that instead of draining the battery, they could instead use electricity from the grid as long as

Features

The app comes with a list of other features, like remotely unlocking and locking doors, using a built-in GPS system to locate the car, locating charging stations in the area, and much more.

- "It's just a great way to communicate with your vehicle and really turn it into something more than a car," said van Tol.

they're already plugged in.
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Car purchases add to consumer debt

Fresh data suggests Canadians are continuing to pile on consumer debt, but the modest increase suggests credit growth is slowing to crawl-speed.


TransUnion's latest quarterly look at non-mortgage debt

shows the average consumer added \$69 in non-mortgage debt during the first three months of 2012 from the previous quarter to bring outstanding debt to \$26,029.

From last year, consumers

are on average \$432 deeper into debt. The recent growth is attributed to a spike in auto loans, offsetting declines in credit card debt, lines of credit and instalment loans.

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Watercraft-maker preparing to move assembly to Mexico

Quebec. 500 employees of the Valcourt plant will be affected when the company moves over the next 18 to 36 months

Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. says 500 Quebec employees will be affected by a decision to switch watercraft assembly to Mexico.

The move will take place over the next 18 to 36 months, the company said in a statement released Thursday.

The 500 employees affected at the Valcourt plant will be presented with options including retirement packages or positions within or outside of the company.

The privately held com-

pany said existing production capacity in Mexico will be expanded by transferring engines currently being manufactured in Juarez to a new plant.

The new facility is where the assembly of the watercraft will take place.

"Building a global multi-market business is an ongoing process," company president Jose Boisjoli said in the statement.

"To remain a market leader, BRP needs to constantly challenge itself and adapt to change. This is not the first time that we change things at BRP, nor will it be the last.

"While we remain very much committed to our heritage and roots in Valcourt, we must become more flexible to leverage our growth opportunities."

Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. designs, develops, manufactures and

Outsourcing

Bombardier Recreational Products will also assign North American distribution of its parts, accessories and clothing to a logistics provider.

- The company said the moves will enable it to become more competitive and free up space on the main assembly line in Valcourt, Que., to increase production of its "roadster-type" vehicles.

distributes motorized recreational vehicles.

Its brands include Ski-Doo snowmobiles and Sea-Doo watercraft and boats.

It employs more than 6,000 people worldwide.

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Euro 2012 goes golden with commemorative ducats

The National Bank of Poland has issued a limited series of coins to mark the upcoming Euro 2012 soccer championships, co-hosted by Poland and Ukraine.

1. A golden 100 zlotys, left, and a silver 20 zlotys.
2. A 10 Polish zlotys, right, and 10 Ukrainian hryvnia.
3. A set of four 10 Polish zlotys silver coins.

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Google

World Wonders project offers virtual tours

A virtual stroll among the ruins of Pompeii or into the temples of Kyoto is available to anyone with an Internet-connected device through Google's new World Wonders project. The Mountain View, Calif.-based company is offering virtual tours of 132 famous sites in 18 countries as part of an expansion of its Google Art initiative. The service includes info in six languages.

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Tropicana. Lawsuits slam label claims

Orange-juice maker Tropicana markets its brand as fresh from the grove, but a series of lawsuits across the U.S. claim the company's juice is so heavily processed it shouldn't be called "natural."

In approximately 20 lawsuits lawyers claim the company adds chemically engineered "flavour packs" to its juice, making it taste the same year-round.

On Thursday, lawyers came together in Washington to argue before a panel of judges about where the lawsuits should be heard as a group.

Tropicana declined to comment but said in a statement that it is committed to full compliance with labelling laws and to producing "great-tasting 100 per cent orange juice."

The orange juice lawsuits are just the latest disputes over "all natural" claims. Over the past several years, a number of major national brands have been attacked for what consumers have called deceptive labelling. Tostitos, SunChips, Snapple and Ben & Jerry's ice cream have all faced similar attacks.

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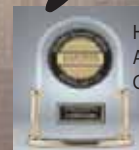
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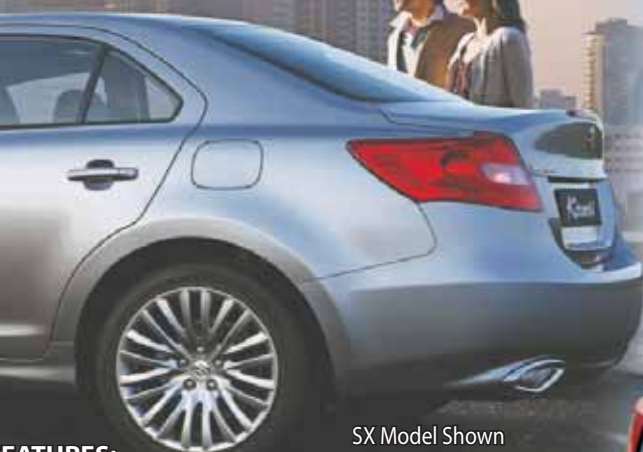
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The world is having a very stressful week. All kinds of nerve-racking stuff going on, starting with:

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Mr. Dahmer goes to Ottawa? Gay-porn star Luka Rocco Magnotta allegedly tortures kittens, slices up a naked man and sends the body parts in the mail to various places, including Parliament Hill. Yikes.

2 **National shame.** It's another Stanley Cup and, once again, no Canadian teams are involved. So, as we stand with our noses pressed to the glass, we ask: Who is Canada's team? The Los Angeles Kings or the New Jersey Devils?

3 **Like, oops.** On network TV, Kathie Lee Gifford congratulates Martin Short for his long, happy marriage. The only problem is, his wife died two years ago. Then she apologizes on Twitter, albeit to the wrong Twitter handle.

4 **What's your kid doing today?** A 16-year-old kid in Germany has solved a 300-year-old math puzzle that stumped Isaac Newton and everyone else since. Thanks to Shouryya Ray, there is now a way to calculate the path of a projectile under gravity and subject to air resistance. Well, it kept me up at night.

5 **God saves the Queen, in perpetuity.** Her Majesty's a pretty nice woman, and she'll be floating down the Thames in a barge on Sunday to mark the 60th year of her reign over us. No word on whether the corgis will follow in the royal dinghy.

6 **Hair-brained theme.** Donald Trump won't let it go. He still says Barack Obama wasn't born in the U.S., even though the president has released his detailed Hawaiian birth certificate. The question remains: What planet is The Donald from? And why doesn't it have decent barbers?

7 **Speaking of outer space.** The first private space flight is a success as the SpaceX Dragon splashes down in the Pacific. Next mission: Send The Donald back to Mars.

8 **A New York-nanny state of mind.** N.Y.C. Mayor Michael Bloomberg wants to ban any sugary drinks over 16 ounces across the five boroughs, because they're bad for you. Using that logic, he should ban Donald Trump. He's fired.

9 **This just in:** The European Union appears to be crumbling before our eyes. Spain, Italy, Greece and Ireland are seriously considering abandoning the euro and restoring the peseta, lira, drachma and punt, respectively. The Irish, at least, have it right.



Um, excuse me, Donald, do you have a birth certificate for that growth on your head? Looks like it might be extraterrestrial. GETTY IMAGES

Raging bull gores matador



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Bullfighting

Matador (El Juli) on the horns

This was a scary moment for one of Spain's most celebrated bullfighters. Julian (El Juli) Lopez was thrown in the air and then gored in the stomach by a bull at a festival in the town of Aranjuez this week. After losing consciousness, Lopez returned to finish the fight and was carried off at the finish by spectators.

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Julian Lopez in happier times in 2010. GETTY IMAGES

Comeback

"I took a beating but I'm fine, thanks for all your support it has made me better."

Matador Julian Lopez reassures his supporters on Twitter. This was not El Juli's first scare in the bullring and he has become known for his swift recoveries. In 2010 he was hospitalized after being gored in the scrotum.

Bullfighting in Spain

- **Pamplona.** Home of the famous Running of the Bulls where townsfolk run ahead of bulls, which are then used in fights.
- **Madrid.** One of the most popular cities for bullfights. Spain's capital has two major venues, which can hold 20,000 spectators.
- **Barcelona.** Represents the modern distaste for bloodsports — it banned bullfighting in 2010.

Golden boy

The ringmaster, from the age of 9

Lopez, 29, has had a remarkable career. He was training with bulls at the age of nine and fought in Mexico at 14 to avoid Spain's law against underage matadors. He became the highest-paid bullfighter in history at 17 and has flourished since. Footage of his fights have appeared in Shakira's videos.

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Heavy opponent

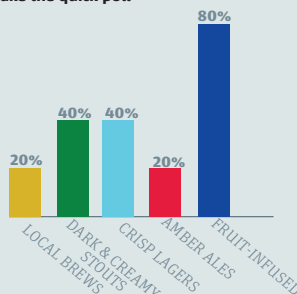
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The minimum weight in kilograms for a bull to be used in traditional Spanish bullfighting. The matador would be expected to take on several during a day of fights.



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@ellenjstone: The Keg for supper and drinks with Dad then the concert of my

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@paigelynn03: I love my sister & all but I am SO ready to hawl my a-- on over to wolfville

@KHuestis12: payday, ball hockey tonight and tomorrow is friday.. cant complain #weekendstartsnw



Kristen Stewart is more tomboy than fierce rebel queen in *Snow White and the Huntsman*. HANDOUT

Famous fairy tale goes goth

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Snow White and The Huntsman. Charlize Theron's shrieking vampire queen performance usurps Kristen Stewart's turn as Snow White

Richard: Chris, this movie plays like the love child of the Grimm Brothers and *The Hobbit*. It is dark in tone and in look with just a few hi ho ho's provided by the Seven Dwarfs. That'll be my last bad Snow White joke, I promise. The first hour is a gothic fairy tale, the second hour more an action movie, but through it all Theron's bug-eyed Grand Guignol performance remains constant. Was she too over the top, or just over the top?

Chris: One scream of rage would have been over the top. By the time she turned into a melting puddle of dying, tar-

soaked crows, I realized that both the dark tone of the film and Charlize's shrieking vampire queen performance were more Hammer Horror than Walt Disney... and I was in deep, of course. But what did you think of Stewart's Snow White?

RC: K Stew is the movie's big draw, marquee wise, and while she holds down the fort, I found that unless she was on horseback, or staring down a troll, I wasn't that interested in her performance. The talky bits aren't nearly as interesting as the yelling bits (thanks to Charlize's unhinged performance) or the action sequences. Unfortunately, she is saddled with most of the dialogue, and it is the last interesting thing about the movie.

CA: Stewart was a fantastic Joan Jett. Not so much earth goddess/warrior queen but whatever, I forgave her slight, tomboyish presence when so many operatic visuals were ex-

Synopsis

In this twist on a familiar fairy tale, Charlize Theron is Ravenna, an evil queen so obsessed with being the fairest in the land she condemns the dead king's lovely daughter, Snow White (Kristen Stewart), to a lifetime of solitude and captivity. When the queen's mirror tells her that Ms. White will one day reclaim the throne, Ravenna does what any evil monarch would do. She decides to eat Snow's still beating heart, thereby ensuring immortality and the throne. Chris Alexander sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

- Richard: ●●●●
- Chris: ●●●●

the film were the quiet ones; the sequences of technicolour fairy forests and character moments where — alarmingly — you actually empathized with Theron's soul-sucking monster. What do you think Stewart's TWI-hard fanbase will think?

RC: She couldn't muster the fanpires for *The Runaways* but this time around will be different, I think. Her version of Snow White has much in common with the elements that appeal to the *Twilight* fans. There's no werewolves or vampires, but there is true love, fantasy and even the sweeping crane landscape shots are reminiscent of her best-known films.

CA: Well, she certainly has a better shot at pleasing her fanbase with this lush gothic fantasy than her sparkly paramour Pattinson does getting a five-minute prostate exam in Cronenberg's *Cosmopolis*, that's for sure.... but we'll save that for another day.

ploding around her. Strangely, however, I found that some of my favourite moments in

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Scene in brief

Starbuck creators win prize

The two creators of Quebec's fertility comedy *Starbuck* have each won a \$20,000 prize from Telefilm Canada. On Wednesday, director Ken Scott and his co-writer Martin Petit landed the 2011 Guichet d'Or award. The annual honour goes to the Canuck director and writer of a Canadian French-language feature film with the highest-grossing domestic box-office sales during the previous year. In 2011, *Starbuck* took in more than \$3.5 million at the Canadian box office, according to Telefilm Canada. Steven Spielberg's DreamWorks Studios announced last month it's revamping the franco-phone film with a new script set in New York.

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On the web



The French film that challenged *The Artist*: *Intouchables* opens in Canada

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Stars. Danielle Panabaker,
David Hasselhoff, Matt Bush

To be honest, Piranha 3DD doesn't take itself very seriously. And so I won't be excoriating some disparaging critical diagnosis or justifying any hopeful merit (for the record there are no merits). Just know that when the producers pitched this low-brow money-grab about a waterpark overrun with flesh-eating fish (need I say more?), they likely only had three words for potential investors: blood, boobs and 3D.

STEVE GOW

Thriller



The Samaritan

Director. David Weaver

Stars. Samuel L. Jackson, Luke Kirby, Ruth Negga

After serving 25 years in prison, Foley (Jackson) wants to leave the con-man's life behind him. But Ethan (Kirby), the son of his former partner, is determined to drag him back into the game — by any means necessary. For a film that revolves around pulling a major con, The Samaritan gets off to a slow start. Though it picks up half-way through with some exciting plot twists, the biggest twist of all might feel a little too familiar to some viewers.

REGAN REID

Drama



The Deep Blue Sea

Director. Terence Davies

Stars. Rachel Weisz, Tom Hiddleston

Based on playwright Terence Rattigan's 1952 work, the film opens with Hester Collyer (Weisz)'s botched suicide following the crumbling of relationships with both her stuffy husband and alcoholic lover. Director Terence Davies emphasizes Hester's inner turmoil as she bristles against the societal expectations of post-war Britain. The anger and resentment that seethes out of each character, aided by some fantastic performances, makes Davies' film jump off the screen.

IAN GORMELY



With Snow White and The Huntsman opening today, Metro looks at the meaning behind some fairy tales. HANDOUT

Scholar tackles the meaning of fairy tales

Interpretation. Professor offers his opinions on some popular tales

Professor Jack Zipes, author of several books on the topic of fairy tales, including this year's release of The Irresistible Fairy Tale, explains the social issues raised by these stories.

Little Red Ridinghood: "This story raises the issue of rape and violation of a young woman. It raises the question of, who is responsible for the rape when it happens and how can women protect themselves or do they really want to be raped?"

Cinderella: "How do parents

treat non-biological children? That question of course is still with us today."

Hansel and Gretel: "Here we have the issue of child abuse, child abandonment."

Beauty and the Beast: "Forcing or compelling a young woman ... into marrying the man who is 30 or 40 years older."

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When it comes to Prometheus, Ridley Scott fights the geek fight

Prop war. Director talks about arguing over the specifics of space helmets and shoe laces for sci-fi horror flick

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You would think that a director of Ridley Scott's stature would find it easier to get what he wants, especially when he's returning to his sci-fi horror roots with *Prometheus*. But you'd be wrong. As details of the technology within the film's story began to take shape, Scott admits he found himself going to the mat on more than one occasion.

"You think about everything, down to the shoe laces," Scott says. "We even had a big argument about the globular helmets. I was certain that I wanted the fully spherical glass



Prometheus opens in theatres next Friday. HANDOUT

helmet. If I'm in 2083 and I'm going into space, why would I design a helmet that has blind spots?"

And androids, by then, will apparently be indistinguish-

able from humans. But Scott, who's no stranger to androids thanks to the original *Alien*, wanted to approach the subject with care. "What was important was the story. There's

nothing new about an android. That idea is 100 years old," he says, explaining how this film's android, played by Michael Fassbender, is deployed. "So then, embrace what it is.

By embracing it, he becomes that much more interesting because he isn't just part of the ship. He also becomes extremely useful during the story, as it evolves."

Getting technical

Fassbender on androids

A major component of the *Alien* universe — and of the viral marketing campaign leading up to *Prometheus* — are the incredibly lifelike android characters. This time out, *X-Men: First Class* star Michael Fassbender takes on the job as David, which he found to be an interesting challenge. "You want to play with as many of those human traits as possible. You're essentially trying to build a computer that has a physicality to it," he says.



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Summer movies take over

We've made it through a dismal spring loaded with murderous teens, a massive John Carter flop and dreary vampires. Now it's time to enjoy the blockbusters that, we hope, are guaranteed to please.

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro News

The first half of the year is a notorious dumping ground for studio stinkers — save *The Hunger Games*, of course. We've suffered enough!

The Avengers was just a tasting of the treats in store over the next three months as things heat up.

First, we take a look at some of the most hotly anticipated films that we've been dying to see since well before the New Year.



June 8: *Prometheus*

We like to talk about Michael Fassbender quite a bit in this paper because he really is just that awesome. But the main attraction for the film in which he stars as Android David is much larger than just one actor. This highly anticipated film helmed by Alien director Ridley Scott shows what happens when humans in the future travel to a foreign planet to discover their origins.



June 22: *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*

We're not sure how much a camp factor will come into play with this wacky idea of a film, considering serious Broadway veteran Benjamin Walker will play President Lincoln. But the plot summary really is that Abraham Lincoln decides to vanquish those vampires once he realizes they are planning to take over the U.S., so your guess is as good as ours.



July 3: *The Amazing Spider-Man*

Even though there have been a bazillion iterations of Spidey in the last several years, everyone's dying to get a look at this one, portrayed by *The Social Network*'s Andrew Garfield and co-starring his real-life girlfriend Emma Stone as Gwen Stacy.



July 20: *The Dark Knight Rises*

The final installation of Christopher Nolan's brilliant imagining of Batman has a few tricks up its sleeve, if the spooky trailer is any indication. Tom Hardy is Bane, one of the nastiest villains the Dark Knight has ever encountered. And then there's Anne Hathaway slinking around as the seductively dangerous Selina Kyle.

August 3: *The Bourne Legacy*

Can Jeremy Renner fill the shoes of Matt Damon in the Bourne series? Starring as Aaron Cross, Renner's first major starring role has a man who must deal with the consequences of Jason Bourne's actions from where *The Bourne Ultimatum* left off.



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The world, according to Jane Fonda



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Metro World News in Hollywood

The always outspoken 74-year-old takes on an idealistic aging hippie in her new film, *Peace, Love and Misunderstanding*.

But Fonda insists that being a hippie was a completely foreign experience for her.

That wasn't all she let us in on.

1. The 1960s

"I lived in France during the 1960s, so my view of the '60s is a more global view. It was a time of tremendous transition for America, but for the world as well. And it wasn't just because of the Vietnam War or the Pill. I'm not a sociologist, so I don't know why it was that almost everywhere in the world there was tumult, but it was. The '60s was about discord and generational splits. When I became an activist in 1970, I missed the '60s. I never was a hippie or anything. I recognize the importance of that decade, having had one leg in the '50s — which I think has been much more idealized as a time of, you know, families were together and everything was well..."

2. She can't stress enough the importance of the Internet

"The technological stuff has changed everything. We can see it overseas even more, with the Arab Spring and so forth. I never used a computer until I was 58. I was married to Ted Turner, and he threw it across the room. He still doesn't use one. I started blogging at 71. Since it was all new to me, suddenly my life became very immediate. I was worried about blogging because I study Zen Buddhism and I meditate and I believe in being in the moment, and this is going to keep me from being in the moment. But what I discovered was that it helped me be in the moment."

3. Kids today don't protest the way they used to

"One of the things that's really interesting is there's no leader (in the Occupy movement).

During the Vietnam War, there were all these organizations and they all had leaders — most of them men. I married one. And now there isn't and people get really disturbed by that, but it's really what's so beautiful about it.

It's not ideological, you can't quite get a grip on it, but it's making a difference. Just like that demonstration in Seattle when the WTO met up there. That was in some ways more significant than anything that happened in the '60s."

4. Papa don't preach: She didn't actually learn anything about acting from her dad

"I never could get him to talk to me about acting, ever. I produced *On Golden Pond* for him, and after our big scene together I still couldn't get him to talk to me about acting. I learned about life from watching his movies — like *Grapes of Wrath* and *12 Angry Men*. It's what made me who I am, the roles he played. I am my dad's daughter and I look like him in many ways, and I'm sure there's things that other people see that I don't. In some ways, I learned more from Katharine Hepburn than my dad."

5. On impressing Katharine Hepburn

"The first thing she ever said to me was, 'I don't like you.' Take the backflip [scene in *On Golden Pond*]. I had no intention of doing the backflip, so they had a stunt double all set up, and then Hepburn said to me, 'Are you going to do the backflip?' I thought 'oh God, I'm going to have to do it.' My dad couldn't have cared less if I did the backflip myself, but it mattered to her. It took me a month and a half to learn. I'd go out on the raft and do it over and over and over. Finally I made it one day, and I crawled out on the shore and she'd been hiding in the bushes, watching. She came over to me and she said, 'You've taught me to respect you.'"

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Same old song

Music. Do stars get tired of their own hit tunes? Most won't admit it, but sometimes they're just really over it

New York indie-pop outfit Fun set the world on fire with the No. 1 single We Are Young. But months after it topped the charts, no one would blame the trio if the tune had them feeling a little burnt out.

After all, even those among us who celebrated the song's ceaselessly contagious chorus ("set the world on FI-YA!") is a hook hefty enough to reel in a white whale) might have tired of the track once it achieved supermarket-stereo ubiquity.

So how would you feel if you performed the song every single day?

For their part, however, the members of Fun say they're still having a ball each and every time they take the stage to perform their signature hit.

"That'd be really dumb on our part to get tired of it," frontman Nate Ruess said during a recent interview.

"Watching the way people react (when we play it) makes it hard to get tired of it," added guitarist Jack Antonoff.

But of course, they are young.

While they'll rarely admit it publicly, many artists reluctantly concede that over time, performing their biggest hits night in, night out can wind up feeling like a chore. And the reasons for

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that weariness are numerous.

Sometimes, the sentiment of a song written years — or even decades — before will no longer resonate, or a band will simply change its mind about the value of a tune. In other cases, a band will feel it's outgrown the stylistic hallmarks of a major hit written in the fledgling stage of its career — consider Radiohead, the British rock innovators who almost never tackle their breakout blast of jagged angst, Creep, in front of an audience anymore.

It becomes especially hard when a song endures over decades — how many times, for instance, has Sting pleaded in falsetto to turn on that red light?

The catch-22, of course, is that the vast majority of audience members at a given

The medley method

- There is a standby for artists who can't stomach one of their own tunes but still want to give the audience a taste: the medley.
- That was the strategy adopted by genre-hopping Minneapolis pop legend Prince during a recent three-hour marathon at Toronto's Air Canada Centre, when he combined truncated versions of hits including Nothing Compares 2 U, 1999 and Little Red Corvette into crowd-pleasing mega-mixes.

show are most primed to hear those trademark tunes. Indeed, many music fans

are angry at the notion of highly paid musicians refusing to play the songs they're known for.

For a fan forking out hundreds of dollars for a prime seat, parking and concessions for what could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see a favourite artist, is it too much to ask for said artist to endure a few minutes of boredom to send thousands home happy?

"I just think it's selfish to not play those songs that your career was built on, that people supported you through," Canadian songwriter Jann Arden has said.

"If that's what some of these younger acts want to do, let them go cut their own throats. I think it's inexperience, I think it's selfish, self-serving, narcissistic and stupid." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Zac Hanson, Taylor Hanson and Isaac Hanson. GETTY IMAGES

Play it again. MMMBop, Hanson not gonna shut up

If there was ever a group with a rightful claim on banishing a major hit to the past, it might be the former teenybop sibling outfit Hanson.

MMMBop went to No. 1 in 12 countries in 1997. The video featured the pubescent trio frolicking in oversized clothes over terrible greenscreen. The song was as ubiquitous in the '90s as flannel, Pogs and slap bracelets, so insidiously infectious that McAfee might have made a fortune scrubbing the tune from its unwitting victims' brains.

And yet, the Oklahoma trio still doggedly performs MMMBop on nearly every tour stop — impossibly high notes be damned. In part, they want to satisfy their fans. But more than that, the trio is deeply proud that a song they wrote 15 years ago still resonates.

"It's a little bit like a runner not wanting to wear their gold medals," said singer Taylor Hanson. "For us, we wear the gold medals with pride because we don't see them as something that is relegated to the past."

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Enough already!



Former Barenaked Ladies singer Steven Page said his old band similarly rested early hits like If I Had \$1,000,000. "We knew that if we weren't feeling it at all, that it would feel like we were sleep-walking through it."



Our Lady Peace frontman Raine Maida says his band eliminated some songs from their live performances entirely. "There's some songs we'll just never play — they just don't resonate with us anymore," said Maida recently.



Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy grew tired of performing the band's breakthrough Try. "I got sick of that song so bad for a while. After about five years, I went: 'Oh my God.'"



"I've sang Zombie so many times that I actually feel like a zombie," Cranberries singer Dolores O'Riordan has joked, referencing the band's impossible-to-kill 1994 single.

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Elijah Wood stars in new series *Tron: Uprising*. GETTY IMAGES

From Lord of the Rings to defender of The Grid

Tron: Uprising. Elijah Wood steps into a dangerous virtual world in new Disney live action TV series

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Elijah Wood is jumping feet first into the world of animated series television with *Tron: Uprising*, a new series that takes place in the time between 1982's *Tron* and 2010's *Tron: Legacy*. Of course, it's not necessarily new territory for the actor, who's popped up as a voice in films, TV and video games in the past.

"Over the last number of years, I'm no stranger to voice work in animation, so I'm used to it," Wood says. "But getting a chance to work within the context of a universe I was already familiar with was really fun. It just gave the whole experience a more special quality, I think."

The familiar universe of *Tron: Uprising* also meant more than just the usual voiceover

work, though: "The character happens to be extremely physical, so there's a lot of me standing in front of a microphone, punching and kicking the air, and making myself sound like I'm in all sorts of intense physical scenarios, which is pretty hilarious," Wood says. "I'm sure there's some footage of me, standing there looking like an idiot."

Finding the right voice for Beck was easy, as it turns out, since the show's producers really just wanted Wood. "It was determined right away that it would be my own voice," he says, though he cautions that with secret identities and hush-hush rebellions on the menu, it's never that simple.

"When the character is Tron, or The Renegade, we do change his voice a little bit," Wood explains. "Digitally, they mess with his voice, and I also give it a gravity that Beck doesn't have in his normal Beck mode. The character is split between the two, in a way. Some of those more Tron-Renegade moments definitely have a depth and a gravity to them, and that's fun. It's fun to play around with all of that."

Virtual wars

Tron: Uprising premieres June 23 on Disney XD.

- **The plot.** Wood plays Beck, a young program who leads a revolution inside the computer world of *The Grid*.

While *Tron: Uprising* and his live-action TV series, *Wilfred*, have kept him busy — along with several film projects — Wood is keeping an open mind when it comes to what's next. "I don't know that I'm ever looking for anything, in particular," Wood admits.

"I'm always intrigued by new challenges and things that I've never done before and new experiences. It sounds so simple, but the primary interest is just something that's good and instills within me some kind of gut feeling that feels like something that I'm passionate and excited about, and there can be multiple variables that can instill that. But, I'm always just looking to do things that I've never done before, primarily."

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Pon de replay: Rihanna and Drake back together?

Exes Rihanna and Drake, who dated briefly in 2009, may be giving things another go, if their behaviour at a Miami hotspot on a recent night out is any indication. "Rihanna was all over Drake this weekend," a source tells Us Weekly. "They were holding hands and dancing all close

on the dance floor." The pair have remained close friends and frequent collaborators since their brief romance. "We weren't really sure what it was," Rihanna previously said in an interview of her dating Drake. "We didn't want to take it any further. It was a really fragile time in my life..."

Je t'aime: Sparks fly for Mary-Kate Olsen and former French president's brother

Mary-Kate Olsen is reportedly dating former French president Nicolas Sarkozy's younger brother, Olivier Sarkozy, according to Us Weekly. "It's true, they're dating, and she's definitely interested in him," a source says. "MK is constantly complaining about boys not being mature enough for her. She got the kids out of her system. Now being a businesswoman dominates her time, and she is rarely impressed with guys. They are good for each other."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Zhang Ziyi

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon star accused of prostitution

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon star Zhang Ziyi has been accused of earning \$110 million by prostituting herself to Chinese government officials and businessmen, according to the Daily Mail. The unsubstantiated claims in Chinese media detail the actress accepting large sums of money from various Beijing officials between 2007 and 2011, with one businessman reportedly

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Zhang Ziyi's reps

forking over \$945,000 to sleep with her in 2007. Ziyi has fervently denied the allegations.

The Word



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Drew Barrymore is all set to walk down the aisle with fiancé Will Kopelman Saturday. On Wednesday, the actress was spotted at the Chanel store in Beverly Hills for her final wedding dress fitting.

Along for support was Charlie's Angels costar Cameron Diaz who — in addition to being the kind of girl we imagine has an emergency mini bar in her purse — is a close friend of the couple,

and was even clued in before the proposal.

"I knew Drew was getting married before she did!" she tells InStyle UK.

As for Drew, she's apparently overlooked the fact that Cameron is all glowing blonde legs and has given her a front row seat Saturday. "Drew has been leaning on Cameron a lot," a friend tells Us Weekly. "Cameron has been very involved."

Is it just us, or have we seen this movie before? Cameron's going to be late and put her shoes on as she runs down the aisle. Drew's going to wear flowers in her hair and charmingly stumble through her vows while biting her lip. Someone's saucy great aunt should probably feel up a groomsman played by Andy Samberg.

We'll check back in on Monday, Drew — with the big box of Sno Caps.

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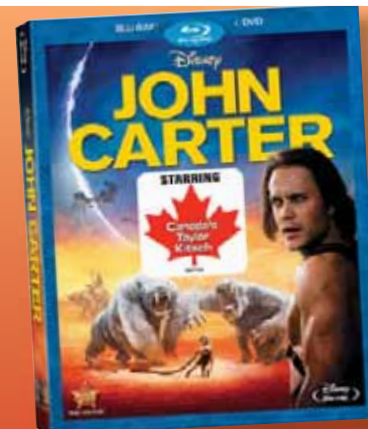
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Beer and iced tea?



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I've never been one to mess with a good thing, especially when it comes to booze. So for me the blend of hops, yeast, water and grain that defines beer is pretty much perfection.

And while the description of beer includes dozens upon dozens of different varieties that come by their taste profiles naturally, the trend toward flavoured brews is taking the industry by storm.

Beer needs them. Sales have seen better days, and industry innovation seems inspired by 1812 rather than 2012, with old school English-style ales the darlings of the aficionado set.

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This recipe serves six. NEWS CANADA

Fire up the grill for easy summer veggies

Grilled Vegetable Napoleons. Lazy summer days are too precious to waste in front of a hot stove

1. Preheat barbecue and set on low. Brush vegetables with olive oil, season with salt and pepper, and grill slowly until tender, turning once.

2. Transfer vegetables to a tray, arranging them in a single layer, and cover tightly with plastic wrap. The vegetables may be grilled a day

in advance and refrigerated after cooling. Bring the vegetables back to room temperature before proceeding.

3. Stir together the ricotta, thyme, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Place one slice of eggplant on a lightly oiled grill sheet or foil pan. Spread 1 tablespoon of the ricotta mixture over the eggplant. Cover with 2 slices of zucchini, 1 slice of onion, 1 slice of mozzarella, 1 slice of tomato, 2 slices of zucchini and 1 slice of onion. Spread 1 tablespoon of the ricotta mixture over the onion and top with another slice of eggplant.

Repeat this procedure with the remaining vegetables to make 5 more stacks.

4. Insert a wooden skewer through the centre of each stack to create a hole from top to bottom. Remove the bottom leaves from each rosemary sprig, leaving one inch of leaves on the top. Insert 1 sprig into the centre hole in each napoleon and return to the barbecue.

5. Heat for about 10 minutes on low, or until mozzarella is melted and vegetables are warmed through.

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Ingredients

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 large eggplant, cut in 12 slices (1/3" thick)
- 3 medium zucchinis, cut in 24 slices (1/4" thick)
- 3 large tomatoes, cut in 6 slices (1/3" thick)
- 3 medium red onions, cut in 12 slices (1/3" thick)
- 3/4 cup ricotta cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tsp fresh thyme, chopped
- 1/2 lb mozzarella cheese, sliced 1/4" thick
- 6 sprigs fresh rosemary

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Old Order Mennonite cooking meets modern technology with a new app of Edna Staebler's

Food That Really Schmecks cookbook. New material on the app includes photos and videos of Staebler and the Waterloo Region countryside. Recipes are searchable and users can upload photos and recipe suggestions that will be shared with all users — just like your grandmother's scribbles in the margins of the family cookbook.

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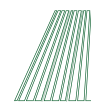


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NHL

Canucks not expected to offer Hannay contract

The Vancouver Canucks are not expected to offer a contract to Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Sawyer Hannay before Friday's signing deadline, Metro has learned.

The 19-year-old was a seventh-round choice (205th overall) of the Canucks in the 2010 NHL draft and became one of the Mooseheads' top blue-liners last season, recording two assists and a minus-4 rating in 47 games.

Although Hannay's numbers are modest, he logged heavy minutes in a stay-at-home role. He suffered a concussion on Feb. 8 and missed the rest of the regular season before returning in the playoffs.

If the Canucks don't sign Hannay before Friday's deadline, he can be selected in the NHL draft on June 22 and 23 in Pittsburgh.

Hannay is eligible to return to the QMJHL next season as one of the Mooseheads' three overage players.

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO



Sawyer Hannay METRO FILE



Halifax Mooseheads captain Cameron Critchlow celebrates a goal against the Quebec Remparts in the QMJHL quarter-finals. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Critchlow chooses UNB as next step

Hockey. Mooseheads captain says he chose Varsity Reds because they give him best chance to win



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Cracking the UNB Varsity Reds lineup is a daunting task in itself, let alone earning a prominent role. But Cameron Critchlow is ready to give it his best shot.

The graduating Halifax Mooseheads captain announced Thursday he had

committed to the UNB Varsity Reds and will join a powerhouse program that has gone unmatched with three University Cup national championships in the past six years.

"There's one thing I've learned throughout my junior career — I don't want to say I've been underestimated or undervalued, but I've gone into (challenging situations) and emerged on top," Critchlow said. "It's just another challenge in that regard and I'm looking forward to competing to be a key player on that team."

After recording a career-best 50 points in 68 games in the regular season, he emerged as a driving force

behind the Mooseheads' three-round playoff run, piling up 12 goals and seven assists for 19 points in 16 games.

That success made him one of the most sought-after recruits on the Atlantic University Sport circuit. It also earned him an invitation to the Edmonton Oilers development camp in late June.

Although a good showing at the development camp could earn him a follow-up invitation to rookie camp later in the summer, and possibly an NHL contract, Critchlow said playing for UNB will be best for his development.

"The last few years of

NHL contracts

- The V-Reds have seen four players sign NHL contracts over the past five years: Darryl Boyce (2007), Rob Hennigar (2008), Kevin Henderson (2009) and Hunter Tremblay (2011).

- Among them, only Boyce has played in the NHL, appearing in 84 games.

my career is where I've improved the most," Critchlow said. "In order for that development to continue, I'm probably going to need a few more years before I make that jump to pro."

Auto racing

Craig Slaunwhite returns to action

Terence Bay's Craig Slaunwhite will look to gather momentum on Saturday when the Parts for Trucks Maritime Pro Stock Tour returns to action in River Glade, N.B.

Slaunwhite, who posted a season-opening win in the Carquest 100 at Scotia Speedworld on May 20, is one point behind tour leader Greg Proude of Springvale, P.E.I., heading into the second race at Petty International Raceway.

Slaunwhite's best showing in four years on the tour was fourth in his rookie year in 2008. METRO

Soccer. Bedford's Jazic set to play with Canada in World Cup tune-up

Bedford's Ante Jazic will hit the field with the Canadian national men's soccer team on Sunday.

After a weeklong training camp in Sunrise, Fla., the veteran defender is with Team Canada in Toronto and will take on the United States in a friendly starting at 8 p.m. live coast-to-coast on Sportsnet.

The match at BMO Field will help prepare 75th-ranked Canada for FIFA World Cup qualifiers against No. 136 Cuba in Havana on June 8 and against No. 62 Honduras on June 12 back in

Numbers

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Number of appearances for the national senior men's team during Ante Jazic's career. He has scored one goal.

Toronto.

The 36-year-old Jazic plays for Major League Soccer's Chivas USA.

Jazic has logged 1,065 minutes in 12 games this season, ranking him third on the Chivas USA roster.

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Hockey. Zach Fucale invited to Hockey Canada's goalie camp

Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Zach Fucale has been invited to Hockey Canada's annual goalie camp from July 7 to 10 in Calgary.

The 16-year-old is coming off a record-setting season that saw him win the Raymond Lagace Trophy as QMJHL defensive rookie of the year and set a new league mark for wins by a 16-year-old goaltender with 32. He posted a 3.16 goals-against average and a .892 save percentage in 58 starts.

Brandon Whitney, a Victoriaville Tigres goaltender



Zach Fucale
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from Centreville, N.S., was among the other players invited.

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"He continued to have great success, but for different reasons. He didn't just overpower teams; he out-smarted teams.... He wasn't as domineering as he was earlier."

Former Astros manager Phil Garner's testimony during the Rogers Clemens perjury trial on Thursday. Garner told one great story after another. Clemens working out in a flak jacket with 60 pounds of weights. Clemens yelling at himself. Clemens yelling at others. Clemens noticing that home plate was a little bit out of line. Garner was sitting on a witness stand, but sounded at times as if he were again a major-league baseball manager, spinning yarns in a casual pre-game dugout chat. None of those stories involved Clemens using performance-enhancing drugs.

On the web



Blue Jays great Joe Carter will be reunited with Mitch Williams, the Philadelphia Phillies reliever who gave up Carter's championship-clinching homer in 1993, at the Joe Carter Classic charity golf tournament for the Children's Aid Foundation this August in Maple, Ont. Scan the code to find out Carter's thoughts on the historic home run and this year's version of the Jays.

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Both Kings and Devils say that their best is yet to come

NHL. New Jersey looks to settle nerves while L.A. hopes to bring more energy for Game 2 of cup final

The New Jersey Devils played poorly and almost won.

Coach Peter DeBoer's team looked to turn that into a positive following Wednesday's 2-1 overtime loss to the Los Angeles Kings in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final.

The Devils overcame a

slow start to send the game into overtime, only to see Kings star Anze Kopitar decide the affair on a breakaway. Thursday was a light day for both teams, with Game 2 not until Saturday.

After the loss, the Devils were all reading from the same page.

"Not playing our best game and still having a chance to win, that makes us feel pretty good that we can play better and be a little more successful," said forward Travis Zajac.

Forward Ryan Carter added, "We had our chances in that game. Outplayed or not, poor execution or not, we had our chance to win that game. We've got to look into that, stay positive, and try to find a way to win the next one."

Added DeBoer: "We got a chance to get into overtime in the first game with a chance to win."

The Devils pointed to poor execution, careless play with

the puck and Game 1 jitters. President and GM Lou Lamoriello spoke to the team after the Eastern Conference final about the distractions of the Cup.

Unfortunately for the Devils, the Kings also say they have more to bring.

"We played all right. I think it's different adjusting to a new team, adjusting to a different building here," said defenceman Matt Greene. "But we've got to play better if we want to give ourselves a chance to win another game this series."

"I think we can be better," said Kings captain Dustin Brown. "At the end of the day we found a way to win."

Kings coach Darryl Sutter said a lot of his players said they felt sluggish Wednesday.

"I thought we had some nervous players," he said. "Our guys felt they can play better. That's a good thing. And I'm sure the other team is saying the same thing too."

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"There is plenty to fix en route. We have multiple issues."

Coach Peter DeBoer, noting the Devils have a history of making tentative starts to series, then getting back on form in the second game.



L.A.'s Brad Richardson celebrates Kings teammate Colin Fraser's goal in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final on Wednesday night in Newark, N.J. JIM MCISAAC/GETTY IMAGES

NBA

Thunder put stop to Spurs streak

Kevin Durant scored 22 points, Thabo Sefolosha set playoff career-bests with 19 points and six steals, and the Oklahoma City Thunder snapped San Antonio's 20-game winning streak by beating the Spurs 102-82 in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals on Thursday night.

Oklahoma City closed its series deficit to 2-1 and will host Game 4 on Saturday night.

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NHL

Lidstrom walks away from game

Nicklas Lidstrom is so used to being great that the star defenceman refused to settle for just being good.

Lidstrom, a four-time Stanley Cup champion and seven-time Norris Trophy winner, retired after 20 quietly spectacular seasons with the Detroit Red Wings, leaving a legacy of greatness on and off the ice along with perhaps another \$6 million US he could have made with a third-straight one-year contract.

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Tennis

Raonic moves on at Roland Garros

Canadian Milos Raonic defeated American qualifier Jesse Levine 6-4, 7-5, 6-2 on Thursday to reach the third round of the French Open.

The 19th-seeded Thornhill, Ont., native will face a true clay test in the next round when he plays Argentina's Juan Monaco after the 13th seed defeated Czech Lukas Rosol 7-6 (4), 6-0, 7-6 (5).

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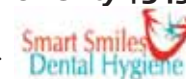
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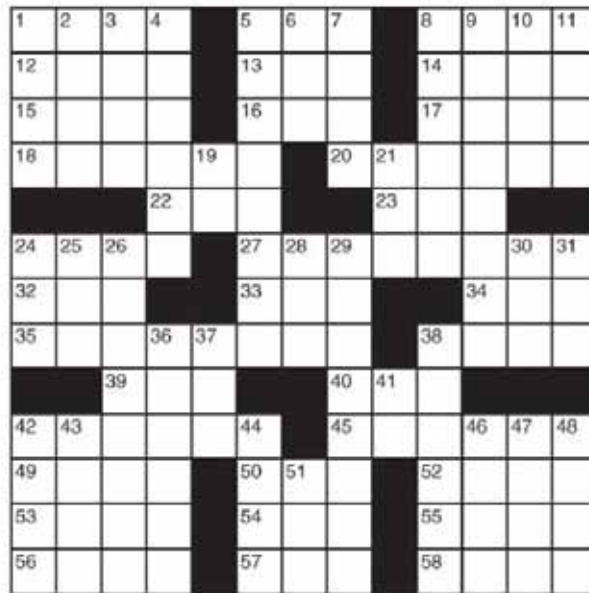
Across

- 1 "Dragnet" star
5 Potential syrup
8 Portent
12 Unoriginal one
13 George's brother
14 Ersatz swing
15 Arrivederci
16 Trawling need
17 B&Bs
18 They're marine and "army"
20 Braggart, perhaps
22 Opposite of "trans-"
23 Pompous fool
24 Poison-ivy symptom
27 Dining surface
32 Vast expanse
33 Mound stat
34 Mess up
35 Variety of orange
38 Hydrox rival
39 Annoy
40 Prankster
42 Cuff-to-crotch measure
45 Vacillate
49 Track transactions
50 Make up your mind
52 Narthex neighbor
53 Enrages
54 Neckline shape
55 Oklahoma city
56 "Finding Nemo" character
57 Cauliflower, maybe

58 Ohio team

Down

- 1 Texas city
2 Grand story
3 Pulsate
4 Pin
5 Evil
6 Exist
7 Cracker spread
8 Futile
9 Give service (to)
10 Sea flock
11 Egg container?
19 Circle ratio
21 Young woman
24 Doctrine
25 Wonderland quaff
26 Sugar holder
28 Onassis, familiarly
29 Railing
30 Raw rock
31 Expert
36 Chic
37 Alias (Abbr.)
38 First game of the season
41 Yours truly
42 Footnote abbr.
43 Pianist Peter
44 Relocate
46 Logical
47 Eager



48 Becomes one
51 Princess' insomnia cause

Thursday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

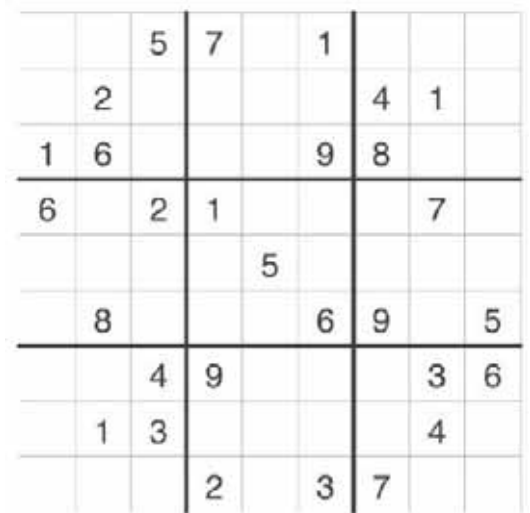
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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XMDI LA RCWVDWC
ALLB OVP XW ZVUUB
VUMOWCDVYP EYVDMZUW1?
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2	1	3	7	4	9	6	5	8
9	8	4	6	2	5	1	3	7
4	9	5	8	3	2	7	6	1
1	7	2	4	5	6	3	8	9
3	6	8	9	1	7	2	4	5
7	4	9	2	6	8	5	1	3
8	3	6	5	7	1	4	9	2
5	2	1	3	9	4	6	7	8

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20.

You will surprise people today with your reasonable behaviour.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Focus on what you enjoy and don't worry about whether it is an efficient use of your time and energy.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

With both Venus and Mercury moving through your sign you will know instinctively what is the right thing to do.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

You have so much to look forward to. So why the glum face? By the middle of next week you'll be smiling again.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Relationships will be a lot of fun over the next few days.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You will charm everyone you meet today – and if you meet important people such as employers and senior colleagues you could even earn yourself a pay rise or a promotion, or both.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

You only have to put a name to your desires to see them fulfilled.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

A positive link between mind planet Mercury and Venus, planet of harmony, will bring a respite from your worries and woes.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Relationships will be pleasant

today, which is a huge relief after the ups and downs of recent weeks.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

If you are having problems, don't suffer in silence: let those around you know you need assistance.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

Use your powers of communication to let others know why you are unhappy with certain situations. But don't talk down to them or blame them for the mess.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Set aside a fixed time for your work and a fixed time for having fun. It does not have to be one or the other: if you plan things sensibly you can have your cake and eat it too.

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